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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1987/88

WHEAT: World production for 1987/88 is estimated at 508.8 million metric tons, up 3.0 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from last year's record harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o United States Production is estimated at 58.2 million tons, up 0.8 million or 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat is forecast at 42.9 million tons, up 2 percent from the May forecast.
- o USSR Production is estimated at 75.5 million tons, up 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last year month, but down 18 percent from last year's crop.
- o EC-12 Production is estimated at 78.9 million tons, up 0.8 million or 1 percent from last month and up 10 percent from the 1986/87 crop. Favorable weather has increased the estimated yields in France and the United Kingdom. Production in Spain is now estimated at 5.2 million tons, down 0.3 million due to recent dry weather.
- o Canada Production is estimated at 26.8 million tons, up 0.8 million or 3 percent from last month, but down 16 percent from 1986/87. The increase is due to greater estimated seeded area.
- o East Europe Production is forecast at 38.1 million tons, up 0.7 million or 2 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from 1986/87. The increase is attributed to greater estimated area in Bulgaria and improved yield prospects in Poland.

- o Tunisia Production is estimated at 1.1 million tons, up 0.2 million or 18 percent from last month and up 138 percent from last year's drought-reduced harvest. The increase is attributed to higher estimated area and yield.
- o Pakistan Production is estimated at a record 14.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but up marginally from last year. Recent heavy, unseasonable rains in the Punjab, at the time of peak harvest, have reduced expected production.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1987/88 is estimated at 810.4 million tons, down 1.4 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year's crop. U.S. production is estimated at 219.5 million tons, unchanged from last month, but down 13 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o USSR Production is estimated at 105.5 million tons, down 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down less than 1 percent from last year's harvest. A downward revision in projected corn output was partially offset by an upward revision in barley.
- o EC-12 Production is estimated at 83.8 million tons, down 1.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from 1986/87. Spanish barley output is estimated down sharply as a result of dry weather in the northern production areas. In addition, frost damage occurred in several provinces including Albacete, Toledo, and Cuenca.
- o Canada Production is estimated at 24.3 million tons, down 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 12 percent from last year. The change is due to a decline in the estimated area of barley.
- o Australia Production is estimated at 7.6 million tons, up 0.4 million or 6 percent from last month and up 14 percent from 1986/87. The increase is due to additional estimated oat area.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1987/88 is estimated at 323.3 million tons, up 6.1 million or 2 percent from the 1986/87 crop. Foreign production in 1987/88 is projected at a record 319.0 million tons, an increase of 5.7 million or 2 percent from 1986/87. U.S. output is projected at 4.3 million, virtually unchanged from last season.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1987/88 is forecast at a record 199.0 million tons, up 2.2 million or 1 percent from 1986/87. U.S. production is forecast at 57.0 million tons, down 4.3 million or 7 percent from 1986/87. Foreign production is forecast at a record 142.0 million tons, up 6.5 million or 5 percent from 1986/87.

COTTON: World production for 1987/88 is forecast at 77.5 million bales, unchanged from last month, but up 8.4 million or 12 percent from the 1986/87 crop. Foreign production is projected at 65.5 million, unchanged from last month, but up 6.2 million or 10 percent from last year. U.S. production is forecast at 12.0 million bales, unchanged from last month, but up 2.3 million or 23 percent from the 1986/87 crop.

PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1986/87

WHEAT: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 529.2 million tons, down 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month. An upward revision was made for Bangladesh.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 839.1 million tons, down 0.6 million or less than 1 percent from last month. Downward revisions were made for the Philippines, South Africa, and Bulgaria.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 317.2 million tons, down 0.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month. Estimates were reduced for the Philippines, Nigeria, and Bangladesh.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 196.8 million tons, up 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and 1985/86. U.S. production is estimated at 61.3 million tons, unchanged from last month, but down 6 percent from 1985/86. Foreign production is estimated at 135.5 million tons, up 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 4 percent from 1985/86.

- * Soybeans: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 100.1 million tons, up less than 1 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.
- * Cottonseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 26.9 million tons, up 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 11 percent from last year.
- * Peanuts: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a near record 20.5 million tons, up 86,000 tons or less than 1 percent from last month, but down less than 1 percent from last year's record.
- * Sunflowerseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 19.2 million tons, up 0.2 million or almost 1 percent from last month, but down less than 1 percent from last year's record harvest.
- * Rapeseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 20.0 million tons, up 42,000 tons or less than 1 percent and up 8 percent from last season.
- * Flaxseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.7 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 16 percent from last year.

- * Copra: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 4.9 million tons, down 0.3 million or 4 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

- o Indonesia Production is estimated at 1.2 million tons, down 0.1 million or 9 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year. The decrease is attributed to lower yield. Rainfall in North Sulawesi, a major growing area, averaged about 50 percent below normal during April through September of 1986. This will affect yields during 1987.

- * Palm Kernels: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, down 30,000 tons or 1 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year.

- * Palm Oil: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 8.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 2 percent from last month and last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

- o Indonesia Production is estimated at 1.3 million tons, down 0.2 million or 10 percent from last month, but unchanged from last season. Area is marginally less than previously estimated; however, yields are reported to be significantly less than expected.

COTTON: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 69.1 million bales, down 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 12 percent from a year ago. U.S. production totalled 9.7 million bales, down 28 percent from a year ago. An important change from a month ago is the following:

- o Brazil Production is estimated at 2.9 million bales, down 0.3 million or 8 percent from last month and down 23 percent from the 1985/86 crop. Decreased production is due to less than favorable harvest weather in the south and smaller crop outturn in the northeast.

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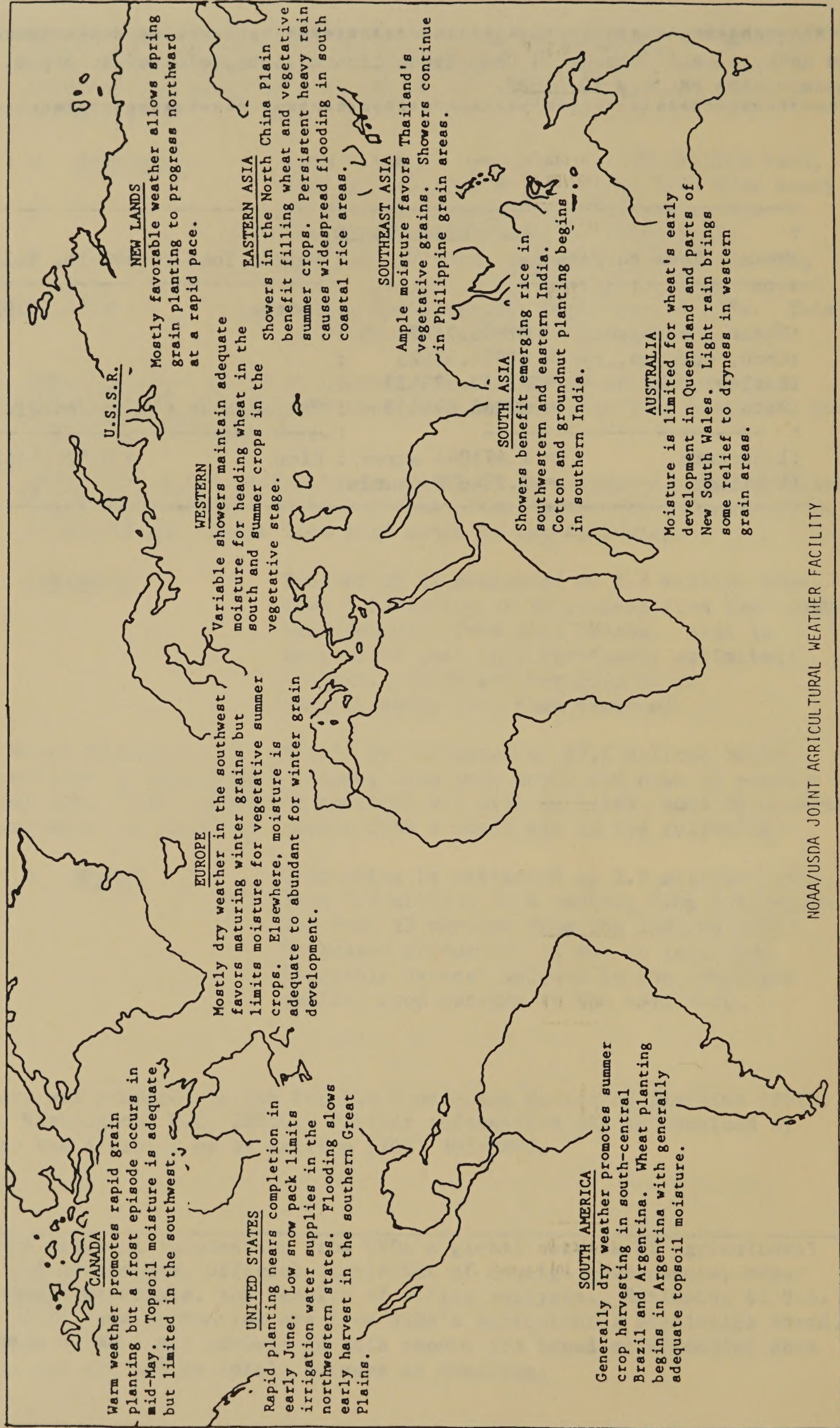
This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield, and production are from USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board, except where noted. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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:	CONVERSION TABLE	:	:
:Metric Tons to Bushels	:	:Metric Tons to 480-lb. Bales	:
:-----	:	:-----	:
:	:	:Cotton = MT*4.592917	:
:Wheat & soybeans = MT*36.7437	:	:	:
:Corn, sorghum, rye = MT*39.36825	:	:	:
:Barley = MT*45.929625	:	:	:
:Oats = MT*68.894438	:	:Metric tons to hundredweight	:
:-----	:	:-----	:
:1 hectare = 2.471044 acres	:	:Rice = MT*22.04622	:
:1 kilogram = 2.204622 pounds:	:	:	:

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Commodity	--Harvested Area--			--Yield--			--Production--			
	Prel. Proj.			Prel. Proj.			Prel. 1987/88 Proj.			
	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1985/86	1986/87	May	June
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--			--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	64.7	60.7		37.5	34.4		2,425	2,087	2,110	2,138
Winter	48.0	43.2	38.9	38.1	35.2	40.6	1,828	1,519	1,549	1,577
Other	16.8	17.5		35.6	32.4		597	568	561	561
Rye	0.7	0.7		28.8	28.8		21	19	19	19
Soybeans	61.6	59.4		34.1	33.8		2,099	2,007	1,825	1,825
Corn	75.2	69.2		118.0	119.3		8,877	8,253	7,200	7,200
Sorghum	16.8	13.9		66.8	67.7		1,120	942	678	678
Barley	11.6	12.0		51.0	50.8		591	610	546	546
Oats	8.2	6.9		63.7	56.0		521	385	482	482
	--Million Hectares--			--Metric Tons per Hectare--			--Millions of Metric Tons--			
Total Feedgrains	45.2	41.3		6.1	6.1		274.4	252.4	219.0	219.0
	--Million Acres--			--Pounds per Acre--			---Million CWT.---			
Rice	2.5	2.4		5,414	5,648		134.9	134.4	135.0	135.0
							---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	10.2	8.5		630	552		13.4	9.7	12.0	12.0

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops

Year	Wheat						Feedgrains					All	
	Winter	Other	Total	Rye	Rice	Corn	Sorghum	Barley	Oats	Total	Soybeans	Cotton	Total Maj Crops
	--Million Acres--												
1985/86	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.4	18.3	13.2	13.3	128.1	63.1	10.7	282.6
1986/87 prel.	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.0	268.1
1987/88 proj.													
May	48.2												
June	48.2												

1/ Estimates from USDA Agricultural Statistics Board for 1985/86, 1986/87 and winter wheat estimates for 1987/88.

All other 1987/88 estimates are from USDA Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees.

World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total	North America		Europe		USSR	Asia			South America		Selected Other Countries		All Other Countries						
			United States		EC-12			Oth. W.		China	India	Indonesia	Thailand	Argentina		Brazil	Australia	South Africa	Turkey		
			States	States	1	1		Europe	Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Thailand	Argentina		Brazil	Australia	South Africa	Turkey		
---Million Metric Tons---																					
Wheat																					
	1985/86	498.8	432.8	66.0	24.3	4.4	71.7	4.1	37.1	78.1	85.8	44.1	.0	11.7	.0	8.5	4.3	16.1	1.7	12.7	28.3
	1986/87 prel.	529.2	472.4	56.8	31.9	4.5	71.7	4.3	39.6	92.3	90.3	46.9	.0	13.9	.0	9.0	5.6	16.7	2.3	14.0	29.5
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	505.7	448.3	57.4	26.0	3.7	78.0	4.4	37.4	75.0	89.0	47.0	.0	14.2	.0	9.5	4.0	14.5	2.3	13.0	30.3	
June	508.8	450.6	58.2	26.8	3.7	78.9	4.4	38.1	75.5	89.0	47.0	.0	14.0	.0	9.5	4.0	14.5	2.0	13.0	30.2	
Coarse Grains																					
	1985/86	845.7	570.8	274.9	25.0	14.7	88.3	13.1	68.3	100.0	82.3	26.1	4.3	1.6	5.7	17.1	21.7	7.8	8.9	8.4	77.7
	1986/87 prel.	839.1	586.2	252.9	27.6	14.5	81.4	12.3	73.6	105.9	86.6	28.0	5.4	1.7	4.4	13.3	27.1	6.7	9.0	9.3	79.4
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	811.7	592.3	219.5	24.5	14.7	85.0	12.4	70.3	106.0	92.7	29.8	5.3	1.7	4.7	15.7	24.6	7.2	9.5	9.3	79.0	
June	810.4	590.9	219.5	24.3	14.7	83.8	12.4	70.4	105.5	92.7	29.8	5.3	1.7	4.7	15.7	24.6	7.6	9.5	9.3	79.0	
Rice (Milled)																					
	1985/86	320.4	316.1	4.3	.0	0.5	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	117.9	64.2	26.5	2.9	13.0	0.3	7.0	0.5	.0	0.2	79.9
	1986/87 prel.	317.2	312.9	4.3	.0	0.4	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	119.8	60.0	26.1	3.5	11.9	0.3	7.1	0.4	.0	0.2	80.1
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	323.3	319.0	4.3																		
June	323.3	319.0	4.3																		
Total Grains 1/																					
	1985/86	1,664.9	1,319.7	345.2	49.2	19.6	161.3	17.2	105.6	179.8 1/	286.1	134.3	30.9	16.2	18.7	25.8	33.0	24.4	10.5	21.2	185.9
	1986/87 prel.	1,685.6	1,371.5	314.0	59.5	19.4	154.4	16.6	113.4	199.9 1/	296.7	134.8	31.5	19.1	16.3	22.6	39.9	23.8	11.3	23.5	189.0
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	1,640.8	1,359.6	281.3																		
June	1,642.5	1,360.5	282.0																		
Oilseeds 2/																					
	1985/86	195.9	130.5	65.4	5.5	1.2	7.1	0.5	4.7	10.9	31.6	13.5	1.7	2.8	.0	12.4	15.7	0.9	0.5	1.6	19.5
	1986/87 prel.	196.8	135.5	61.3	6.0	0.9	8.3	0.6	6.0	10.9	30.8	14.1	1.8	3.0	0.6	11.1	18.4	0.8	0.7	2.0	19.6
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	199.0	142.0	57.0																		
June	199.0	142.0	57.0																		
Cotton																					
	1985/86	78.9	65.5	13.4	.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	12.1	19.0	8.4	.0	5.7	0.2	0.5	3.8	1.2	0.2	2.4	10.0
	1986/87 prel.	69.1	59.3	9.7	.0	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.1	11.2	16.3	7.4	.0	6.1	0.1	0.6	2.9	0.9	0.3	2.2	9.5
	1987/88 proj.																				
May	77.5	65.5	12.0																		
June	77.5	65.5	12.0																		
---Million 480-Pound Bales---																					

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 191.7 million tons in 1985/86, 210.1 million in 1986/87, and 195.0 million forecast in 1987/88.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Frel. Proj.			Frel. 1987/88 Proj.				Frel. 1987/88 Proj.			
	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1985/86	1986/87	May	June	1985/86	1986/87	May	June
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	229.3	227.8		2.18	2.32			498.8	529.2	505.7	508.8
United States	26.2	24.6		2.52	2.31			66.0	56.8	57.4	58.2
Total Foreign	203.1	203.2	199.6	2.13	2.32	2.25	2.26	432.8	472.4	448.3	450.6
Maj. Foreign Exporters	46.0	46.3	45.4	2.62	2.79	2.84	2.85	120.6	129.2	128.0	129.7
Argentina	5.3	5.1	5.0	1.61	1.76	1.90	1.90	8.5	9.0	9.5	9.5
Australia	11.7	11.3	10.7	1.38	1.48	1.36	1.36	16.1	16.7	14.5	14.5
Canada	13.7	14.2	13.8	1.77	2.24	1.94	1.94	24.3	31.9	26.0	26.8
EC-12	15.3	15.7	15.9	4.69	4.57	4.90	4.95	71.7	71.7	78.0	78.9
Major Importers	98.1	98.1	95.1	2.17	2.41	2.25	2.26	213.3	236.0	213.4	214.8
Brazil	2.8	3.9	3.3	1.54	1.44	1.21	1.21	4.3	5.6	4.0	4.0
China	29.2	29.7	29.6	2.94	3.04	3.01	3.01	85.8	90.3	89.0	89.0
Eastern Europe	10.2	10.4	10.3	3.65	3.82	3.66	3.67	37.1	39.6	37.4	38.1
Egypt	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.76	3.80	3.81	3.81	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.3
Other N. Africa */	5.0	4.6	5.0	1.05	1.17	0.98	1.00	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.0
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.3	3.74	3.56	3.31	3.31	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
USSR	50.3	48.7	46.0	1.55	1.89	1.63	1.64	78.1	92.3	75.0	75.5
Other Foreign	58.9	58.9	59.1	1.68	1.82	1.81	1.80	99.0	107.2	106.9	106.1
India	23.6	23.1	23.3	1.87	2.03	2.02	2.02	44.1	46.9	47.0	47.0
Iran	5.7	5.8	5.9	0.93	1.03	1.05	1.05	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.2
Mexico	1.1	1.1	0.9	4.19	4.19	4.11	4.11	4.4	4.5	3.7	3.7
Non-EC W. Europe	0.9	1.0	1.0	4.56	4.53	4.61	4.61	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4
Pakistan	7.4	7.4	7.6	1.58	1.88	1.88	1.85	11.7	13.9	14.2	14.0
South Africa	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.86	1.19	1.17	1.02	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.0
Turkey	3.6	8.7	8.7	1.48	1.61	1.49	1.49	12.7	14.0	13.0	13.0
Others	9.8	10.0	9.8	1.54	1.53	1.62	1.61	15.0	15.3	16.1	15.8

*/ Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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FOREIGN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES DIVISION, FAS, USDA

Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	Proj. 1987/88	Prel. 1985/86	1987/88 1986/87	Proj. May	Proj. June	Prel. 1985/86	1987/88 1986/87	Proj. May	Proj. June
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	340.4	339.2		2.48	2.47			845.7	839.1	811.7	810.4
United States	45.5	41.5		6.04	6.09			274.9	252.9	219.5	219.5
Total Foreign	294.8	297.7	297.9	1.94	1.97	1.98	1.98	570.8	586.2	592.3	590.9
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.7	25.2	26.1	2.41	2.42	2.39	2.36	64.3	60.9	61.6	61.8
Argentina	5.7	4.9	5.3	2.99	2.72	2.96	2.96	17.1	13.3	15.7	15.7
Australia	5.2	4.4	5.2	1.49	1.50	1.50	1.45	7.8	6.7	7.2	7.6
Canada	8.3	8.4	8.5	3.02	3.28	2.86	2.87	25.0	27.6	24.5	24.3
South Africa	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.79	1.83	1.97	1.97	8.9	9.0	9.5	9.5
Thailand	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.20	1.76	2.05	2.05	5.7	4.4	4.7	4.7
Major Importers	109.0	108.5	108.8	2.62	2.66	2.63	2.65	285.8	289.2	289.7	288.2
Eastern Europe	18.5	18.7	18.5	3.69	3.95	3.81	3.80	68.3	73.6	70.3	70.4
EC-12	20.2	19.8	19.4	4.36	4.12	4.37	4.32	88.3	81.4	85.0	83.8
Other W. Europe	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.76	3.63	3.80	3.80	13.1	12.3	12.4	12.4
Mexico	7.8	7.7	7.8	1.88	1.89	1.87	1.87	14.7	14.5	14.7	14.7
USSR	58.5	58.6	59.3	1.71	1.81	1.75	1.78	100.0	105.9	106.0	105.5
Other Major Import. 2/	0.5	0.4	0.4	3.04	3.12	3.18	3.18	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Other Foreign	159.1	164.0	163.0	1.39	1.44	1.48	1.48	220.6	236.1	241.0	241.0
Brazil	13.0	13.9	13.2	1.67	1.95	1.86	1.86	21.7	27.1	24.6	24.6
China	27.0	27.9	28.3	3.05	3.10	3.27	3.27	82.3	86.6	92.7	92.7
India	39.1	39.5	39.5	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.75	26.1	28.0	29.8	29.8
Indonesia	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.77	1.76	1.77	1.77	4.3	5.4	5.3	5.3
Nigeria	9.0	9.4	9.4	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.7
Philippines	3.5	3.6	3.7	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.14	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2
Turkey	4.2	4.3	4.4	2.00	2.15	2.13	2.13	8.4	9.3	9.3	9.3
Others	60.9	62.3	61.5	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	64.7	66.0	65.4	65.4
BARLEY											
World	80.8	80.5		2.19	2.27			176.7	182.6	182.4	182.8
United States	4.7	4.9		2.74	2.74			12.9	13.3	11.9	11.9
Total Foreign	76.1	75.6	77.2	2.15	2.24	2.18	2.21	163.8	169.3	170.5	170.9
Australia	3.3	2.3	2.6	1.49	1.52	1.46	1.46	4.9	3.5	3.8	3.8
Canada	4.8	5.0	5.0	2.61	3.03	2.55	2.56	12.4	15.0	13.0	12.8
China	3.5	3.3	3.7	1.81	1.83	1.92	1.92	6.2	6.1	7.0	7.0
Eastern Europe	4.4	4.5	4.5	3.72	3.74	3.66	3.68	16.4	16.8	16.3	16.5
EC-12	12.8	12.7	12.5	3.98	3.68	4.02	3.95	50.8	46.6	50.3	49.2
Other W. Europe	1.9	1.8	1.8	3.47	3.37	3.65	3.65	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.4
Turkey	3.1	3.2	3.2	1.87	1.97	1.88	1.88	5.8	6.3	6.0	6.0
USSR	29.1	30.0	31.2	1.60	1.80	1.67	1.76	46.5	53.9	53.5	55.0
Others	13.3	12.9	12.8	1.06	1.16	1.10	1.10	14.1	14.9	14.1	14.1

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1987/88	Prel. 1985/86	1987/88 May	Proj. June		Prel. 1985/86	1987/88 May	Proj. June	
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	130.1	130.3		3.71	3.66			482.9	477.4	459.2	457.3
United States	30.4	28.0		7.41	7.49			225.5	209.6	182.9	182.9
Total Foreign	99.7	102.3	102.4	2.58	2.62	2.69	2.68	257.5	267.8	276.3	274.4
Maj. Foreign Exporters	9.8	9.3	9.3	2.60	2.34	2.62	2.62	25.5	21.8	24.4	24.4
Argentina	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.46	3.06	3.38	3.38	12.1	9.5	11.5	11.5
South Africa	4.0	4.0	3.9	2.00	2.04	2.18	2.18	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5
Thailand	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.36	1.87	2.20	2.20	5.4	4.1	4.4	4.4
Major Importers	22.2	22.1	22.2	3.88	4.02	3.99	3.98	86.3	88.8	90.1	88.1
Eastern Europe	7.3	7.6	7.6	4.58	5.10	4.90	4.87	33.4	38.7	37.3	37.2
EC-12	3.9	3.9	3.8	6.53	6.41	6.51	6.50	25.7	25.2	24.4	24.5
Other W. Europe	0.2	0.2	0.2	8.30	7.87	7.90	7.90	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Mexico	6.2	6.0	6.1	1.69	1.67	1.66	1.66	10.5	10.0	10.1	10.1
USSR	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.21	2.96	3.33	3.26	14.4	12.5	16.0	14.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.01	4.21	4.33	4.33	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	67.7	70.9	70.9	2.15	2.22	2.28	2.28	145.6	157.2	161.8	161.8
Brazil	12.5	13.5	12.8	1.68	1.96	1.88	1.88	21.0	26.5	24.0	24.0
Canada	1.2	1.1	1.1	6.24	6.16	5.91	5.91	7.5	6.7	6.5	6.5
China	17.7	19.2	19.4	3.61	3.60	3.84	3.84	63.8	69.0	74.5	74.5
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.9	4.60	4.73	4.82	4.82	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.1
India	5.9	5.9	5.9	1.17	1.22	1.32	1.32	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.8
Indonesia	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.77	1.76	1.77	1.77	4.3	5.4	5.3	5.3
Philippines	3.5	3.6	3.7	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.14	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2
Zimbabwe	1.3	1.0	1.2	2.03	1.30	1.74	1.74	2.5	1.3	2.0	2.0
Others	22.3	22.8	23.0	1.43	1.46	1.45	1.45	32.0	33.2	33.4	33.4
SORGHUM											
World	46.8	46.3		1.50	1.43			70.4	66.1	60.1	60.1
United States	6.8	5.6		4.19	4.25			28.5	23.9	17.2	17.2
Total Foreign	40.0	40.7	40.2	1.05	1.04	1.07	1.07	41.9	42.2	42.9	42.9
Argentina	1.4	1.0	1.1	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.2	3.0	3.2	3.2
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.77	1.70	1.94	1.94	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6
China	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.90	2.88	2.89	2.89	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.2
India	15.8	16.0	16.0	0.64	0.64	0.69	0.69	10.1	10.2	11.0	11.0
Mexico	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.85	2.96	2.91	2.91	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0
Nigeria	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.08	1.09	1.09	1.09	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.41	1.56	2.00	2.00	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7
Sudan	5.6	5.7	5.2	0.64	0.70	0.60	0.60	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.1
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.04	1.01	1.07	1.07	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Others	9.4	10.1	10.1	0.98	0.98	1.02	1.02	9.2	10.0	10.3	10.3

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.

2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---	---Yield---	---Production---	---Milling Rate---	---Production---
			(Rough Basis)		(Milled Basis)
	Prel. Proj.	Prel. 1987/88 Proj.	Prel. 1987/88 Proj.	Prel. 1987/88 Proj.	Prel. 1987/88 Proj.
: 1955/86 1986/87 1987/88	:1985/86 1986/87	:1985/86 1986/87	:1985/86 1986/87	:1985/86 1986/87	:1985/86 1986/87
		May June	May June	May June	May June
	---Million Hectares---	---Metric Tons Per Hectare---	---Million Metric Tons---	---In Percent---	---Million Metric Tons---
World	: 144.8	: 3.5	: 470.9	: 68.0	: 320.4
United States	: 1.0	: 6.1	: 6.1	: 70.8	: 4.3
Total Foreign	: 143.8	: 3.2	: 464.8	: 68.0	: 316.1
Maj. Foreign Exporters	: 16.1	: 2.4	: 39.0	: 64.7	: 25.2
Burma	: 4.7	: 3.2	: 14.9	: 62.5	: 9.3
Pakistan	: 1.9	: 2.4	: 4.4	: 66.7	: 2.9
Thailand	: 9.6	: 2.1	: 19.7	: 66.0	: 13.0
Major Importers	: 12.9	: 4.0	: 52.0	: 68.3	: 35.6
EC-12	: 0.3	: 6.2	: 2.0	: 67.2	: 1.3
Indonesia	: 9.9	: 3.9	: 39.0	: 68.0	: 26.5
Nigeria	: 0.7	: 1.6	: 1.1	: 66.5	: 0.7
Republic of Korea	: 1.2	: 6.4	: 7.9	: 71.2	: 5.6
Other Maj. Import. #/	: 0.8	: 2.7	: 2.1	: 65.6	: 1.4
Other Foreign	: 114.7	: 3.3	: 373.8	: 68.3	: 255.3
Australia	: 0.1	: 6.4	: 0.7	: 71.5	: 0.5
Bangladesh	: 10.4	: 2.2	: 22.6	: 66.7	: 15.0
Brazil	: 5.8	: 1.8	: 10.3	: 68.0	: 7.0
China	: 32.1	: 5.3	: 168.5	: 70.0	: 117.9
India	: 40.9	: 2.4	: 96.2	: 66.7	: 64.2
Japan	: 2.3	: 6.2	: 14.6	: 72.8	: 10.6
Philippines	: 3.4	: 2.7	: 9.1	: 65.0	: 5.9
USSR	: 0.7	: 3.8	: 2.6	: 65.0	: 1.7
Vietnam	: 5.7	: 2.6	: 15.0	: 65.0	: 9.8
Others	: 13.3	: 2.6	: 34.3	: 66.3	: 22.7

#/ Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Cotton Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel. Proj.			Prel. 1987/88 Proj.				Prel. 1987/88 Proj.			
	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1985/86	1986/87	May	June	1985/86	1986/87	May	June
	---Million Hectares---			---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---			
World	31.7	30.0		542	501			78.9	69.1	77.5	77.5
United States	4.1	3.4		706	618			13.4	9.7	12.0	12.0
Total Foreign	27.6	26.6	27.4	517	486	520	520	65.5	59.3	65.5	65.5
Maj. Foreign Exporters	12.9	12.1		755	728			44.6	40.3		
Australia	0.2	0.1		1491	1372			1.2	0.9		
Central America 1/	0.2	0.1		669	600			0.6	0.4		
China	5.1	4.4		805	807			19.0	16.3		
Egypt	0.5	0.4		959	919			2.0	1.9		
Mexico	0.2	0.2		992	943			1.0	0.7		
Pakistan	2.4	2.4		522	559			5.7	6.1		
Sudan	0.3	0.4		449	451			0.7	0.7		
Turkey	0.7	0.6		785	818			2.4	2.2		
USSR	3.3	3.5		794	702			12.1	11.2		
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3		783	868			1.1	1.3		
Other Foreign	14.4	14.2		298	271			19.8	17.7		
Argentina	0.3	0.3		372	363			0.5	0.6		
Brazil	2.2	2.1		377	301			3.8	2.9		
India	7.6	7.4		241	218			8.4	7.4		
Syria	0.2	0.1		952	881			0.7	0.6		
Others	4.2	4.2		329	323			6.3	6.3		

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	May	June	1984/85	1985/86	May	June
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	53.78	52.00	52.16	1.73	1.86	1.92	1.92	93.10	96.88	100.01	100.06
United States	26.76	24.92	24.05	1.89	2.29	2.27	2.27	50.64	57.11	54.62	54.62
Total Foreign	27.03	27.08	28.11	1.57	1.47	1.62	1.62	42.45	39.76	45.39	45.44
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.42	12.80	13.00	1.86	1.67	1.89	1.88	25.03	21.40	24.50	24.50
Argentina	3.27	3.35	3.65	2.06	2.18	2.05	2.05	6.75	7.30	7.50	7.50
Brazil	10.15	9.45	9.35	1.80	1.49	1.83	1.82	18.28	14.10	17.00	17.00
Other Foreign	13.60	14.28	15.11	1.28	1.29	1.38	1.39	17.42	18.36	20.89	20.94
Canada	0.42	0.43	0.41	2.26	2.47	2.44	2.44	0.94	1.05	0.99	0.99
China	7.29	7.72	8.24	1.33	1.36	1.40	1.40	9.70	10.50	11.55	11.55
Eastern Europe	0.51	0.52	0.49	1.49	1.12	1.47	1.53	0.76	0.58	0.72	0.75
India	1.24	1.30	1.35	0.77	0.75	0.81	0.81	0.96	0.98	1.10	1.10
Indonesia	0.90	0.91	1.00	0.97	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.87	0.90	0.98	0.99
Mexico	0.35	0.37	0.33	1.57	1.92	1.85	1.85	0.55	0.71	0.61	0.61
Paraguay	0.55	0.55	0.53	1.73	1.09	1.79	1.70	0.95	0.60	0.95	0.90
USSR	0.77	0.74	0.75	0.61	0.62	0.94	0.94	0.47	0.46	0.70	0.70
Others	1.58	1.75	2.02	1.41	1.48	1.64	1.65	2.23	2.59	3.29	3.35
COTTONSEED											
World	33.93	31.72	29.98	1.00	0.96	0.90	0.90	33.89	30.40	26.78	26.93
United States	4.20	4.14	3.43	1.11	1.16	1.01	1.01	4.67	4.79	3.45	3.45
Total Foreign	29.73	27.58	26.55	0.98	0.93	0.88	0.88	29.22	25.61	23.33	23.48
China	6.92	5.14	4.40	1.54	1.37	1.37	1.37	10.64	7.05	6.02	6.02
India	7.44	7.58	7.40	0.46	0.48	0.43	0.43	3.45	3.65	3.22	3.22
Pakistan	2.24	2.37	2.38	0.90	1.04	1.12	1.12	2.01	2.47	2.67	2.67
USSR	3.35	3.32	3.48	1.42	1.48	1.29	1.33	4.74	4.90	4.48	4.61
Others	9.79	9.18	8.90	0.86	0.82	0.79	0.78	8.38	7.54	6.95	6.96
PEANUTS											
World	17.77	18.25	18.82	1.11	1.13	1.08	1.09	19.80	20.55	20.39	20.47
United States	0.62	0.59	0.62	3.22	3.15	2.70	2.70	2.00	1.87	1.68	1.68
Total Foreign	17.15	17.66	18.20	1.04	1.06	1.03	1.03	17.80	18.68	18.71	18.79
Brazil	0.19	0.16	0.15	1.77	1.36	1.53	1.53	0.34	0.22	0.23	0.23
China	2.42	3.32	3.33	1.99	2.01	1.77	1.77	4.82	6.66	5.88	5.88
India	7.17	7.31	7.50	0.90	0.76	0.79	0.79	6.44	5.55	5.90	5.90
Senegal	0.87	0.61	0.81	0.64	0.97	1.04	1.04	0.56	0.59	0.84	0.84
South Africa	0.23	0.22	0.16	0.85	0.50	0.81	0.81	0.20	0.11	0.13	0.13
Sudan	0.74	0.48	0.55	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.39	0.35	0.40	0.40
Others	5.53	5.57	5.69	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.95	5.07	5.21	5.33	5.41

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
	Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87	Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	May	June	1984/85	1985/86	May	June
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	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
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SUNFLOWERSEED											
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World	14.34	15.63	14.21	1.25	1.24	1.34	1.35	17.97	19.33	18.99	19.18
United States	1.49	1.15	0.79	1.14	1.24	1.53	1.53	1.70	1.43	1.21	1.21
Total Foreign	12.85	14.48	13.42	1.27	1.24	1.33	1.34	16.28	17.90	17.78	17.97
Argentina	2.35	3.14	2.20	1.45	1.31	1.14	1.14	3.40	4.10	2.50	2.50
China	1.01	1.47	1.05	1.68	1.18	1.43	1.43	1.70	1.73	1.50	1.50
EC-12	1.65	1.90	2.11	1.40	1.41	1.51	1.52	2.30	2.68	3.04	3.22
East Europe	1.16	1.21	1.34	1.82	1.66	2.06	2.13	2.11	2.01	2.84	2.84
USSR	3.91	4.05	3.85	1.16	1.29	1.37	1.37	4.53	5.23	5.26	5.26
Others	2.78	2.70	2.87	0.81	0.79	0.93	0.92	2.24	2.14	2.64	2.65
RAPESEED											
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World	13.48	14.39	15.08	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.32	16.95	18.55	19.91	19.96
Total Foreign	13.48	14.39	15.08	1.26	1.29	1.32	1.32	16.95	18.55	19.91	19.96
Canada	3.09	2.80	2.78	1.11	1.25	1.40	1.40	3.43	3.51	3.89	3.89
China	3.41	4.49	4.94	1.23	1.25	1.19	1.19	4.21	5.61	5.87	5.87
EC-12	1.18	1.27	1.27	2.92	2.87	2.84	2.90	3.44	3.65	3.62	3.67
East Europe	0.81	0.91	0.95	2.22	2.19	2.43	2.41	1.79	1.99	2.29	2.26
India	3.99	3.80	4.00	0.77	0.69	0.75	0.75	3.07	2.64	3.00	3.00
Others	1.01	1.11	1.15	1.01	1.04	1.08	1.08	1.02	1.16	1.25	1.24
FLAXSEED											
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World	4.49	4.53	4.52	0.52	0.52	0.61	0.61	2.32	2.36	2.75	2.75
United States	0.22	0.24	0.28	0.82	0.89	1.06	1.06	0.18	0.21	0.29	0.29
Total Foreign	4.27	4.29	4.25	0.50	0.50	0.58	0.58	2.14	2.15	2.46	2.45
Argentina	0.73	0.75	0.70	0.86	0.64	0.82	0.82	0.63	0.48	0.58	0.58
Canada	0.72	0.74	0.81	0.96	1.22	1.33	1.33	0.69	0.90	1.07	1.07
India	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.39	0.37	0.40	0.40
USSR	1.16	1.10	1.05	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.23	0.23
Others	0.27	0.30	0.29	0.68	0.64	0.68	0.61	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	137.80	136.53	134.76	1.34	1.38	1.40	1.41	184.02	188.06	188.84	189.34
COFRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.73	5.31	5.13	4.93
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.26	2.54	2.52	2.49
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	191.01	195.92	196.48	196.76
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.90	8.13	8.15	7.97

* Not included in total oilseeds.

NOTE: The table below presents a 6-year record of the differences between the June projections and the final estimates. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the June projections and the final estimates have averaged 18.2 million tons (3.7 percent) ranging from -25.3 to 13.9 million tons. The June projection has been below the final estimate four times and above two times.

RELIABILITY OF JUNE PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

		: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATE, 1981/82-86/87 1/									
COMMODITY AND REGION	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:			
	:	AVERAGE	:	AVERAGE	:	Difference	:	BELOW : ABOVE FINAL : FINAL			
		:	PERCENT	:	----MILLION METRIC TONS----			:	NUMBER OF YEARS 2/		
WHEAT		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
WORLD	:	3.7	:	18.2	:	-25.3	:	13.9	:	4	2
U.S.	:	3.1	:	2.2	:	-4.2	:	1.8	:	4	2
FOREIGN	:	4.2	:	18.0	:	-27.1	:	17.2	:	4	2
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U.S.	:	12.2	:	23.7	:	-30.1	:	52.1	:	4	2
FOREIGN	:	2.2	:	11.7	:	-14.0	:	28.6	:	2	4
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WORLD	:	3.2	:	9.7	:	-21.8	:	4.5	:	4	2
U.S.	:	8.7	:	0.4	:	-1.1	:	0.5	:	3	3
FOREIGN	:	3.3	:	9.8	:	-21.9	:	4.9	:	4	2
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SOYBEANS		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	n/a
U.S.	:	10.2	:	5.2	:	-6.5	:	12.0	:	3	3
FOREIGN	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	:	n/a	n/a
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COTTON		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
WORLD	:	5.2	:	4.1	:	-13.9	:	5.8	:	4	1
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SORGHUM	:	18.6	:	148	:	-228	:	171	:	5	1
BARLEY	:	7.7	:	42	:	-73	:	36	:	4	2
OATS	:	10.5	:	48	:	-77	:	145	:	2	4

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1985/86 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year and for 1986/87 last month's estimate.

2/ May not total six if projection was the same as the final estimate.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

SRI LANKA: RICE CROP DECLINE EXPECTED DUE TO DROUGHT

A prolonged drought has reduced estimates for the 1987/88 Sri Lankan rice crop. The main (Maha) crop, harvested in February/March, was affected by moisture stress in 13 districts. Output in Kurunegala, Puttalam, and Anuradhapura districts is expected to be only half of last year's production. Total Maha paddy production reportedly could fall 15 percent from the 1986/87 level of 1.69 million tons. Prospects for the second (Yala) crop are also unfavorable in view of continuing poor rainfall and low reservoir levels.

MALAYSIA: OIL PALM CLONING PROBLEMS TO BE RESEARCHED

A special committee has been organized to examine the problems encountered with oil palm tissue cultures. The committee is needed to study the problems of sterile trees that were propagated using tissue cultures. Last year the Ministry of Land and Regional Development directed that oil palm clones, because of their shortcomings, should only be distributed to selected producers. One researcher recently stated that problems with the cloning process might take years to resolve. Consequently, it seems unlikely that any clones in Malaysia will have a productive impact in the foreseeable future.

POLAND: TRITICALE PRODUCTION REACHES COMMERCIAL LEVELS

The area sown to triticale has increased nearly fourfold in 2 years, from 70,000 hectares in 1986/87 to 240,000 hectares in 1987/88. Field trials have shown triticale to be well adapted to Poland's sandy soils. This is because the crop's vigor and well developed root system allow it to do well on soils with low natural fertility. Triticale has been most effectively used as a component in livestock feed rations, while efforts at producing acceptable bread from triticale flour so far have not been successful.

THAILAND: GOVERNMENT SPONSORS PRODUCTION OF HIGH-VALUE, FRAGRANT RICE

The U.S. agricultural attache in Bangkok reports that the Thai Economic Ministers have budgeted US\$200,000 to support seeding of 4,050 hectares of high-value, fragrant rice (Dok Mali 105) in several southern provinces. Tests conducted in the south last year resulted in yields that were 60-70 percent higher than those achieved in similar trials in the northeast.

TANZANIA: COTTON EXPANSION CONSTRAINED BY MYRIAD OF PROBLEMS

Although the government of Tanzania regards cotton as one of the country's most important foreign exchange earners, output is constrained by a myriad of problems, including poor transportation, delayed payments on deliveries, lack of inputs, and complaints by farmers about grading deficiencies. Despite these problems, production has increased over the past 2 years as a result of favorable weather. In the hope of circumventing these problems, the government continues to appeal to the international donor community to supply fertilizer and chemical needs. Cotton production is estimated at 210,000 bales in 1986/87, up 8 percent from the previous year.

ZIMBABWE: 1986/87 COTTON YIELDS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY DROUGHT

The 1986/87 cotton crop got off to a favorable start last October with planted area up 26 percent from the previous year. However, since January most producing areas have received little rainfall. This resulted in reduced boll formation and a sharp reduction in yields of dryland crops. The drought appears to have been most severe in the western part of the country. Production is mainly confined to the northern and western areas at an altitude below 1,200 meters. The southeastern lowveld remains an important area for irrigated cotton. Harvesting should be complete in July. Cotton production is estimated at 420,000 bales in 1986/87, below earlier forecasts but up 11 percent from the previous year.

PARAGUAY: 1986/87 COTTON HARVEST ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY WEATHER

The 1986/87 cotton crop continues to be adversely affected by rain and cold weather. Reports indicate that persistent rain over the past 7 weeks is partially responsible for the lower production outlook. Moreover, earlier expectations of a second harvest appear now to be unlikely due to current cold dry weather which is not conducive to boll development. Approximately 20 percent of the crop remains to be either harvested or delivered. Cotton production is estimated at 400,000 bales, down 21 percent from the previous year.

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